

... IN THE SOCIAL REALM ...

Were Robin Hood alive to-day,
Full fain would he rejoice
To find fair woman every way
So suited to his choice.

For here in girl with golden hair,
A boxer he'd behold;
And there in damsel debonaire,
An archer, strong and bold.

Yonder, in dame of high degree,
A rider to his mind;
Elsewhere, in student maid, would he
An all-round athlete find.

Then, if for followers he sought,
Methinks he'd quickly ken
The charming fact, that women ought
To be his merry men.

"Were Robin Hood alive to-day," he would surely receive an invitation to the Leap Year Ball Poudre in the Masonic Temple, which will engage the thousands of all the Richmond world of fashion on the evening of January 28th, when the delectable maid will reverse conditions and emulate the gallantries of the sterner sex who will be their guests for the ball.

The twentieth century girl is a dangerous swain when she plays the part, at any time and in any fashion. When she appears in powdered tresses, with softly rouged cheeks and roughish little patches making her irresistibly arch; in her ball gown of misty white, tender mauve, cerulean blue or rose pink—then the modest gentleman on whom she bestows her attentions following the fashion of his partner in his powdered hair, will need to have his heart triply fortified to withstand the sweet onslaughts with which he will be beguiled.

January has been full of pretty society doings in dinner and card parties and in receptions, but the 28th will witness the first important leap year celebration. So it is that maidenly opportunity is being taken at the floodtide and delightful little confidences are being exchanged between girls as to what men they will take, whether they will be the first to follow the fashion of the valley, gardenias, white lilacs or orchids, and how they will manage about carriages.

The committee in charge of arrangements includes Mrs. James Allison, Mrs. J. Stewart Bryan, Miss Claudia Palmer, Miss Kate Harris, Miss Helen Christian, Miss Beulah Watkins, Miss Berta Atkinson, Miss Elizabeth Davenport and Mrs. John Kerr Branch.

The gentlemen patronesses of the evening will be Governor A. J. Montague, Colonel W. Gordon McCabe, Mr. A. T. Harris, Jr., Lieutenant-Governor Joseph E. Willard, Mr. Joseph Atkinson, Mr. Thomas Atkinson and Mr. Archer Anderson.

The Monday German.

The immediate society engagement is the Monday German which will be danced in the Masonic Temple to-morrow evening. The Monday German always gathers in the pretty girl visitors who are the guests of Richmond friends, the society leaders and the debutantes, the popularity of the latter being in a measure gauged by the number of bids they receive to the club dances.

American beauties have come to be the recognized choice of the club in decoration, and somehow one gets to associating the ball and supper room of the Temple with the glow of these stately flowers when the nights for the Monday German comes round, when the shimmer of silk and lace bespeaks the presence of midday to put all other roses to shame, in the conscious glow of her own sweet beauty.

The German will be led by Colonel J. Lane Stern, who will be chaperoned by the handsomest among the matrons of Richmond, and will be danced to an orchestral accompaniment that will catch its inspiration from the merry spirit of young 1904.

The Richmond Cotillon.

Friday evening next is the date for the fortnightly dance of the Richmond Cotillon Club, which has proved such a successful factor in promoting the pleasure of the younger members of Richmond society. Mr. Adolphus Blair will be the leader for the evening.

Next Friday will probably repeat the story of the happy and brilliant attendance, characterizing the previous club Germans in which the debutantes and their friends have played a conspicuous part.

Alumnae Silver Tea.

The Hollins Alumnae Association, of which Mrs. Andrew J. Montague is president, and Miss Mary Sue Dow is secretary, will give a series of "silver teas" at the Woman's Club for the purpose of adding to the fund for erecting a memorial to the late lamented Dr. Charles Cooke, for many years president of Hollins Institute.

The first of these teas is scheduled for next Thursday, from 4 to 7 P. M. The club parlors will be handsomely decorated, and Mrs. Montague and Miss Dow will be assisted in doing the honors by members of the association, Mrs. Joseph E. Willard, Mrs. William A. Anderson, Mrs. James Keith, Mrs. George Henry, Mrs. James W. Allison, Mrs. Thomas

Holling, Jr., Mrs. William L. Royall, Mrs. Eppa Hinton, Jr., and others. At 5 o'clock a beautiful musical programme will be rendered. Later in the afternoon dainty refreshments will be served by the following lovely society buds: Miss Page Royall, Miss Anita Cousins, Miss Lela Archer, Miss Cora Younger, Miss Bessie Jackson, Miss Ella Buck, Miss Julia Keith, Miss Carrie Reynolds, Miss Julia Joyner, Miss Brent Whit, Miss Katherine Watkins, Miss Kathleen Bruce, Miss Hattie Shields, Miss Ella Hammond, Miss Josephine Sullivan, Miss Nannie Selden, Miss Ida Fleming, Miss Elsie Lindsay, Miss Anderson, Miss Fannie Warwick, Miss Mary Butler, Miss Julia Osterloh, Miss Jean Taylor.

Japan and the Japanese.

Admiral Webster, of the United States navy, will give an illustrated lecture on "Japan and the Japanese," Thursday evening, February 4th, at the Y. M. C. A. Hall for the benefit of the Brook Avenue Mission.

This lecture will embrace the manners and customs of the people, and will also show by means of colored slides the costumes, temples, dwellings, children, streets, rice planting, threshing and marketing, and in a general way will

Chesterfield. Payment may be also made at the door.

Patronesses of the evening will be: Mrs. A. J. Montague, Mrs. Joseph E. Willard, Mrs. L. R. Dashiell, Mrs. B. P. Valentino, Mrs. George Ben Johnston, Miss Coelette Johnston, Miss Jane Hultord, Mrs. Arthur Lefroy, Mrs. Christopher Tompkins, Mrs. Otway Allen, Mrs. Freeman Cooks, Mrs. John Harrison, Mrs. J. R. V. Daniel, Mrs. Beverly Crump, Mrs. John Dunn, Mrs. Thomas Scott, Mrs. T. William Pemberton, Miss Lucy Coleman, Mrs. John Addison, Mrs. Chiles M. Ferrell, Mrs. Susan Huchelins, Mrs. William A. Anderson, Miss Claire Guillaume, Mrs. George W. Warren, Mrs. William B. Evans, Mrs. John Skelton Williams, Mrs. E. L. Bemiss, Mrs. Thomas L. Moore, Mrs. J. Taylor Blyss, Mrs. Charles Meredith, Mrs. Catherine Jones, Miss Katherine Hawes, Mrs. J. W. Upshur, Mrs. John Stewart Bryan, Mrs. Henry London Cabell, Mrs. B. T. D. Myers, Jr., Mrs. O. H. Funtun, Mrs. R. Carter Scott, Mrs. Virginia Newton, Mrs. Edward V. Valentine, Mrs. Charles T. Bolling, Mrs. Albert Burke, Mrs. W. T. Robbins, Mrs. George Bruce, Mrs. Stephen Putney, Mrs. H. W. Hazard, Mrs. John W. Gordon, Mrs. Archie W. Patterson, Mrs. Isalah White, Mrs. A.

Dudley Whitehead, Mr. Robert S. Chrisman, Jr., and Mr. Harry Martin.

Bi-Monthly Meeting.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Woman's Christian Association will be held in the rooms of the association building, Nos. 709-711 East Franklin Street, to-morrow, January 26th, at noon. The next club meeting will be held Thursday, January 29th.

Recital by Prof. Kahn's Class.

The second of the series of recitals given by the piano and vocal class of Professor Sigmund Kahn, of No. 912 West Grace Street, was held in the Y. M. C. A. hall last Thursday evening. This recital proved a decided success, and the gathering which attended equalled, if not exceeded, in number, that which filled the hall last spring to hear the first recital given by Professor Kahn's class.

The programme, which was almost entirely classic in selection, was rendered without the slightest hitch, and many numbers were loudly encored. Excellence of technique and a keen appreciation of the performance were especially pronounced in the performance of their apparent confidence in themselves, which careful and thorough training alone inspires.

Ladies' Morning Musicals.

The Ladies' Morning Musicals met last Thursday, January 21st. A Beethoven programme engaged the attention of members, the following being the programme: Essay on the Composer, Mrs. Christian Clarke; piano solo, Sonata Opus 80, Mrs. W. J. Armistead; violin solo, Romance in F, opus 50, Miss An-

Mrs. W. A. Neal to the wedding of their daughter, Elizabeth Merriam, to Mr. Henry Edgar Boykin, at the N. C. Wednesday forenoon, February 2d, at 11 o'clock, the marriage to take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neal No. 821 East Marshall Street.

Thoughtful Circle Tea.

The Thoughtful Circle of King's Daughters will give a silver tea in the home of Mrs. H. L. Lorraine, No. 408 Barton Avenue, on Thursday afternoon, January 28th, from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Receptions by Mrs. Clarence Burton, music and other attractions will make up the very enjoyable programme which will be given. Dainty refreshments will be served.

Gov. and Mrs. Montague Receive.

One of the most brilliant social happenings of the week to come will be the official reception to be held by Governor and Mrs. Montague, at the Executive Mansion next Wednesday, from 9 to 11 P. M.

The spacious parlors, library, reception room and hall of the mansion will be thrown open and the guests will be seated in the American Beauties, red carnations and liberty roses.

The receiving party, in full evening dress, will include, in addition to Governor and Mrs. Montague, the wives of the Governor's staff officers and several of Mrs. Montague's friends, who will assist in welcoming callers. In the number of these will be Miss E. L. Perkins, Mrs. Eppa Hinton, Jr., Miss Poulitney, of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Payne, of Harrisburg, Pa., who are Mrs. Hinton's very attractive guests.

An orchestra will play during reception hours, and the presence of the staff officers in full regiments will contribute largely to the brightness of the scene. Members of the Legislature, their wives and daughters, will be among the prominent guests of the evening.

Enjoyable German.

Richmond society was well represented at one of the most enjoyable German of the season, which was given Friday night at the Henry Clay Inn, Ashland, Va. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance, and as the floor was in good condition and the music inspiring, a delightful time was had by all present.

Among those who were there were the chaperones, Mesdames Allan Maury, John Addison, Horace Buchanan, Conway Gordon, Charles Potts, A. S. Carr and C. C. Bridges.

Those dancing were: Misses Amelia Kerr, with J. M. Cox; Tully Wee Wright, Gray Mann; Marguerite Wright, J. L. Price; Louise Potts, F. G. Vaughan; Bessie Landon, P. W. Cox; Rosalie McLaughlin, Dr. J. Wood Jordan; Mattie Cullen, W. L. Poy; Mary Garnett, Richmond, E. M. Jordan; Belle Harris, H. D. Kerr; Miss Hill, of Charlottesville, Asa Biggs; Louise Childs, W. S. Duell; Nannie Vaden, Dr. S. T. Hart.

The stars were Messrs. M. B. Pace, of Richmond; Ross McNeal, T. R. Scott, Powell F. H. Harrison, E. A. Blackney and others.

The Week in Retrospect.

The gaieties of the past week began with the beautiful German given by the Richmond Assembly in the Masonic Temple last Monday evening.

Many out-of-town visitors to Richmond were the guests of the evening, the number being estimated at about 100. Mr. Adolphus Blair, being unusually large.

The reception given Wednesday evening last by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cameron, in honor of Miss Elizabeth Cameron, of Paris, France, was an extremely handsome affair.

About two hundred guests called during the evening.

Miss Hathaway, of Chester, Pa., was complimented last Thursday afternoon by her sister Mrs. A. F. Hunt, of No. 1003 West Avenue, who gave a delightful progressive euchre party in her honor, with decorations in red and refreshments served on the card tables after the game.

Mrs. Davis's Tea.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Wray Davis entertained very delightfully from 4 to 7.

Mrs. Davis, in a black net gown over taffeta, was assisted in receiving by Mrs. John Apperson Davis, in a cream embroidered cloth, with blue chiffon trimmings, and Mrs. W. G. Bragg, in white crepe de chine.

The color scheme in the dining room was pink and green. In the center of the table was an immense bowl of magnolia and carnations, resting on a ruffled lace centerpiece over pink satin. From the chandeliers were pink satin ribbons and similar, extending to the corners of the table and ending in huge bows.

Mrs. J. Taylor Wood Curtis, in black velvet, with violet tulle, presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Irving L. Beveridge, in black grenadine, with trimmings of blue panne velvet, poured coffee. The young ladies serving were Miss Ida Beveridge, Miss Susan L. Chiles, Miss Rhoda Davis and Miss Edna Davis.

Those invited were Mrs. George W. Stevens, Mrs. W. L. La Bonta, Mrs. J. G. Trevilian, Mrs. C. F. Campbell, Mrs. J. E. Chase, Mrs. M. E. Bland, Mrs. W. B. Hays, Mrs. M. C. Mitchell, Mrs. R. E. Gaines, Mrs. W. A. Harris, Mrs. C. E. Starnes, Mrs. Wirt Lefew, Mrs. Russell Williams, Mrs. Hugh Powell, Mrs. Buford Adkins, Mrs. Haddon Watkins, Miss Elizabeth Robinson, Mrs. J. T. V. Curtis, Mrs. B. B. Van Buren, Mrs. Lee S. Nichols, Mrs. Joe Cullingsworth, Miss Annie M. Stevenson, Mrs. J. F. Cline, Miss Dixon, Mrs. E. A. Cottrell, Mrs. Laura Edwards, Mrs. Irving L. Beveridge, Mrs. Charles M. Edwards, Mrs. Harry Corey, Misses Edwards, Mrs. A. B. Gulson, Miss Watkins, Miss Blanche Binford, Misses Friend, Misses Patton, Mrs. Alex. Brown, Mrs. William Moncreux, Mrs. Maurice Smith, Misses Minor, Mrs. Charles Watkins, Mrs. Corbin Mercer, Mrs. Joe Lewis, Mrs. Walter Mercer, Mrs. E. M. Foster, Mrs. P. T. Dimmock, Miss E. M. Foster, Mrs. Katherine Foster, Mrs. Benjamin T. Crump, Mrs. Charles Cross, Mrs.

Musicals at Woman's Club.

The third musical of the season will be given at the Woman's Club to-morrow afternoon at half-past four, under the direction of Miss Louise Williams, who will render the instrumental part of the programme.

She will be assisted by Mrs. Mattie B. Thomas, soprano, and Mr. G. B. Gookin, baritone, two recent and valuable acquisitions to Richmond's musical circles. It is expected that the Steinway grand piano recently ordered by the club will be used for the first time on this occasion.

Announcements.

Mrs. Byrd Warwick has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Louise Marguerite, to Mr. John Sidney Davenport, of Staten Island, New York, at present a resident of Richmond. The ceremony will be performed February 2d at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, to be followed by a reception in the home of the bride, No. 608 West Franklin Street. Cards have been sent out by Mr. and

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The most recent picture of Miss May Handy, the famous Richmond beauty. Miss Handy left the city last Wednesday for a visit of some length to Baltimore and New York.

give correct pictures of the manner in which the people of Dai Nippon live and have their being.

A large number of the illustrations are from negatives made by Admiral Webster during a cruise of more than three years in Eastern waters, and were made and colored true to nature by the well known native artist, Tamamamura, of Yokohama.

Tickets at fifty cents each can be procured at the Bell Book Store, at Hunter's, at the Jefferson Hotel and at the

St. Buford, Mrs. John K. Branch, Miss Hattie Wellford, Miss Mary W. Lewis, Mrs. Alfred Witherspoon, Mrs. John B. Lightfoot and Miss Marianne Meade.

Miss Elliott Honored.

Mrs. Chifton Miller will have in a few friends informally at cards Tuesday evening next, in honor of her cousin, Miss Katie Elliott, of Fluvanna county, who is her guest.

Mrs. Miller's apartments will be prettily decorated and refreshments will be served after the game.

Annual Tea of the U. D. C.

The Richmond Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will give their annual tea in Lee Camp Hall, Wednesday evening, January 27th, from 5 to 7.

Since the organization of the chapter its annual tea has been one of the prominent social events in the midwinter season. It is purely informal in its nature, the veterans and all members of Confederate organizations having a cordial invitation extended to them through the medium of the press.

Ladies receiving will include Mrs. Walter Christian and Mrs. Kate Vin, first and second vice-presidents of the Richmond Chapter; Mrs. Charles B. Bolling, treasurer; Miss Balle Deane, corresponding secretary; Mrs. B. A. Blenner, recording secretary; Mrs. Edgar D. Taylor, treasurer of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association; Mrs. Joseph Bryan, president of Hollywood Memorial; Miss Elizabeth Townes, president of Junior Hollywood Memorial; Mrs. Stephen Beveridge, president of Oakwood Memorial; Miss Isoline Moses, president of Hebrew Memorial; Miss Mary Amelia Smith, honorary president of the Virginia Division; Miss Ruth Jennings, president of the Virginia Division, and Mrs. McKenney, president of the Petersburg Chapter of Daughters.

The Richmond Chapter desires to extend a special invitation to the members of the staff of the Richmond papers. The Confederate Memorial Literary Society will meet Wednesday noon, January 27th, at noon in the Confederate Museum.

Mrs. Harwood Entertains.

Mrs. Charles V. Harwood entertained a few friends at cards Saturday night.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in red and green, and refreshments were served after the game on the card tables. Those playing were Mrs. Thomas A. Correll, Mrs. Harry Martin, Mrs. Walter S. Tanner, Mrs. Dudley D. Whitehead, Miss Lily Upshur and Miss Katie Smith; Mrs. William M. Hamilton, Mrs. George Henry, Mr. John F. T. Anderson, Mr. C. V. Harwood, Mr. Walter B. Tanner, Mr.

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VIRGINIA'S COTTON BELT

To one who had never thought of Virginia as a cotton-producing State it is a very surprising fact that the splendid crops of cotton are grown in some of the southern counties. The writer has had considerable experience in growing cotton in one of the Carolinas and has noted in different southern states the kinds of soil best adapted to the culture of cotton; but he is definitely certain that neither in North Carolina nor in South Carolina is there a finer section for growing cotton than is found in the southwestern part of Virginia. Nansemond county is hardly surpassed by any section in the South. Of this the writer is certain.

One of the most disheartening things the South Carolina farmer, who grows cotton, has to contend with is the drought (that almost invariably appears when cotton is at a critical stage). If cotton is "squared"—and a drought comes, things are soon dreary for the farmer. Two weeks of drought will cut the crop half in two. The second growth sometimes makes amends for damages sustained, but not always; for it is a slow process for a plant to regain its lost vigor, make for a plant to grow, and to fruit. Generally the second growth is so tardy that frost ruins what it gave promise of making. A very slight frost ruins cotton, for there is hardly anything on the cotton plant so sensitive to frost and cold as the cotton plant. It is by all odds most fortunate, if cotton can be kept growing in the South, that it is not so much of a drought as it is in the North. It takes a great deal of insurance to grow cotton in the North, and a frequent downpour of rain to make cotton not too frequent; yet if rain comes at intervals far apart the growth of the plant is spoiled. An experienced cotton planter in Nansemond county, Virginia, tells me that a destructive drought never happens in this section. He said that if anything is commonly true, the season for growing cotton in this section is rather too damp.

I have observed with care a number of cotton fields in Nansemond county, both while they were in the fruiting stage and after the cotton was picked out, and after the cotton was picked out some of them have considerable cotton on the trees, and January is well under way. The cotton fields I have examined show the most perfect fruitage I have ever seen in any section of the South. That the plant has developed means that the plant has developed from the lowest to the topmost branches. A perfect cotton plant has its longest and most heavily fruited branches near the ground, and the branches near the top are very thin and light. As the stalk rises its maturity, the branches shorten and the bolls decrease in number. For symmetry of growth I have never seen any other cotton in Nansemond county produces; and the fruitage is perfect. I do not mean that every man's cotton grows to the same height, since the height of the plant depends on the strength of the soil. But all the plants in this section are remarkably productive.

It is considered in middle South Carolina a good yield when the planter makes half a bale of cotton per acre. It is only in rare instances that he gets a bale off one acre. On highly improved farms, where quantities of fertilizer are put, a bale to the acre is the top-notch of a year's yield. Here in Nansemond county it is not at all uncommon for a planter to yield sixteen hundred to two thousand pounds of seed cotton to the acre—that is, considerably more than a bale. The bale I take to be about fourteen hundred pounds of seed cotton.

The remarkable place of farming I have known in cotton growing was that of a planter near Suffolk, Virginia, who has a great crop of Irish potatoes in the ground in cotton, gathering as high as twenty-two hundred pounds of cotton to the acre, he reports, or the ground has been sown with Irish potatoes, and the potatoes grow breast-high to a man, and it may seem strange to say that, although this section of Virginia is hardly surpassed in its adaptability to cotton-culture, there is no great likelihood of much cotton being planted here. There are several reasons for this. It is a peanut section, and promises to continue to be. I do not say that a farmer can make as much by growing cotton as he can by growing peanuts, but taking acreage into account, I do not believe he can. A successful cotton grower in Nansemond county says he can. Farmers certainly take more interest in peanuts than in cotton, and explain that fact by the confidence that peanuts are a more profitable crop than cotton. Another item to be taken into account

is that labor is hard to get for the cotton fields. The black people of Virginia are not brought up in the cotton fields as they are in South Carolina, consequently they do not take to that sort of work. When a man's cotton opens in the section of Virginia, he has great difficulty in getting it picked, for the colored women and children take to the peanut fields, and stay there till Christmas is in sight. If some enterprising farmer could import a lot of South Carolina help to Virginia, and not be breaking breaking certain laws, the cotton belt of Virginia would boom.

The plain truth is, this part of Tidewater Virginia is not one-third developed. Vast quantities of land are not being tilled that ought to be tilled. I have walked through tract after tract of land and seen hundreds of acres of woods (not timber, but light, or scrubby woods) that might be brought under tillage and bear thousands of bales of the fleecy staple. The chief impediment, as I see it, is the farmers have yet realized what excellent resources are in a hundred acres of Nansemond county land. And what is true of this county must be true of other contiguous counties.

NATIVE CAROLINIAN.

CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG.

(Special To The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Bettie Minor and her daughters, Mrs. Kate Jenkins and Miss Lizzie Minor, formerly of Rapidan, have been welcomed here as residents, they having purchased the Donahoe property on Main Street, where they are now pleasantly domiciled. Mrs. Minor is a daughter of the late James Scott, who at one time resided at Historic "Kenmore," in this city.

Mr. Alexander S. Irwin of Georgia, was here this week visiting historic points. Mr. Irwin married a daughter of Gen. Howell Cobb, and during the Civil War was a member of the Cobb brigade. He is a descendant of the Bryan family of Georgia and a relative of Captain B. J. Quinn, of this city.

Miss Fannie Tucker Carmichael is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Miss Alice G. Cole is in Richmond, the guest of her friend, Mrs. R. R. Roberts. Mr. Maurice R. Meese, of Washington, has been the guest here this week of his sister, Mrs. W. J. Cheever.

Miss Balle Braxton has returned from a visit to friends in Richmond.

Mrs. Samuel Taylor, of Berryville, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett Moore, in Stafford, is now quite sick at her parents' home.

Mrs. W. A. Moncreux and children, of Philadelphia, are visiting relatives in Stafford county.

Mrs. Eliot Bailey, of Houston, Va., is the guest of Mrs. J. G. Shackelford.

Mrs. G. M. Wallace, wife of State Senator Wallace, is in Richmond spending some time with her husband, who is attending to his legislative duties.

Miss Eleanor French, of Alexandria, has returned home after a visit here to her sister, Mrs. C. R. Howard.

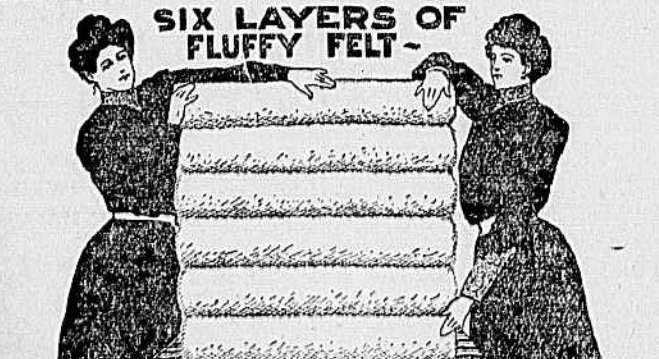
Mr. H. G. Lane, of the Theological Seminary, near Alexandria, visited friends here this week.

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